

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 was amended to clarify that the compounds of this invention are used to form electrically insulating polymers – i.e., polymers with low dielectric constants. Support for this amendment is found in several locations in the application including for example, page 1, line 8.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected as lacking novelty over U.S. Patent 6,828,406. There are several distinctions between the reference and the pending claims. Most notably, this patent reference is addressed to organic polymers having semiconductor properties. This is in marked contrast to the present invention which are monomers that react to form polymers that are electrically insulating. Claim 1 has been modified to clarify that feature of the resulting polymers. Therefore, the pending claims are novel over the cited reference.

Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

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